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**KUCHING:** A huge number of girls aged 18 and below in the Children's Home at Mile 12 Kuching-Serian road here were rescued victims of physical and sexual abuse.

This was revealed by the home principal Armisy Basri, who is in charge of 66 children under their care.

According to Armisy, those who were sent to the home under the Children's Act 2001 through a court order were required to stay for three years or until they reach 18 years of age.

She elaborated that the home provides a healthy and harmonious environment for the children's development

She was met by reporters at the 'Masih Ada Yang Sayang' programme participated by 28 students of Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) yesterday.

On the operation, Armisy said 25 staffs including health attendant and welfare assistance were employed to ensure smooth daily operation of the centre.

"We also provide counselling service to children with emotional problems," she added.

On the programme, she pointed out the community service carried out by UUM students should be a good example for other higher learning institutions.

"The programme today is

the first for this home this year and we are honoured to be selected," she said and called for more corporate and private participation.

Meanwhile, the programme director Mazenu Abas said the programme aimed to educate and create a sense of responsibility towards children who were affected with social problems.

"We also aim to change the perception of people towards community service as a way to strengthen relation between both sides," he said.

Among the activities held yesterday were telematch, drawing and colouring competition and motivational talk.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** A girl blowing a candle during her birthday yesterday. Also seen are Armisy (right) and Mazenu (left).